

1. (Currently Amended) A customizable frame assembly for providing a housing structure for attachment to a boat rail arrangement on the gunnel of a boat, said assembly utilized for supporting a covering of said boat, said assembly comprising:

an arrangement of hollow elongated members connected by a plurality of articulable joints, said arrangement including a first hollow elongated member and a second hollow elongated member, each having a first end with a boat rail arrangement engaging portion thereon, wherein said boat rail engaging portion of said second elongated hollow member comprises a pair of elongated, spaced-apart leg portions having an elongated gap therebetween, and wherein said elongated gap has a tapered distal edge on each of said spaced-apart leg portions to facilitate attachment of said hollow, elongated member to a cable on said boat rail arrangement.

2. (Currently Amended) The customizable frame assembly as recited in claim 1, ~~[[,]]~~ wherein said boat rail engaging portion of said first hollow elongated member comprises a resilient curved skirt flared over at least a portion of said first end of first hollow elongated member.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The customizable frame assembly as recited in claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein said spaced-apart leg portions are generally identical to one another.
5. (Original) The customizable frame assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein said curved skirt portion has a narrowed pinched portion connecting said skirt portion to said hollow elongated member.

6. (Original) The customizable frame assembly as recited in claim 5, including a lower jaw portion arranged circumferentially opposed to said skirt portion, said lower jaw portion and said narrow pinched portion of said elongated member defining a boat rail arrangement engaging opening, said opening extending transverse to a longitudinal axis of said hollow elongated member.
7. (Original) The customizable frame assembly as recited in claim 6, wherein said lower jaw portion has a distal edge with a pair of formed apexes thereon to facilitate the engagement of said elongated hollow member onto a boat rail arrangement.
8. (Original) The customizable frame assembly as recited in claim 6, wherein said skirt has a distalmost lip which extends across said longitudinal axis of said elongated member.
9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A customizable frame assembly for providing a housing structure for attachment to a boat rail arrangement on the gunnel of a boat, said assembly utilized for supporting a covering of said boat, said assembly comprising:

an arrangement of hollow elongated members connected by a plurality of articulable joints, said arrangement including a first hollow elongated member and a second hollow elongated member, each having a first end with a boat rail arrangement engaging portion thereon, wherein ~~said boat rail engaging portion of said first hollow elongated member comprises a resilient curved skirt flared over at least a portion of said first end of first hollow elongated member, and wherein~~ said boat rail engaging portion of said first hollow elongated member comprises a resilient curved skirt flared over at least a portion of said first end of first hollow elongated member, wherein said boat rail engaging portion of said second elongated hollow member comprises a pair of elongated, spaced-apart leg portions having an elongated gap therebetween and wherein said elongated gap has a tapered distal edge on each of said

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spaced-apart leg portions to facilitate attachment of said hollow,
elongated member to a cable on said boat rail arrangement.

Please cancel claims 3 and 9. Please renumber and re-depend the remaining claims accordingly.